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Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gay

District Commander

Biography



Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gay, a graduate of Fairmont State College in Fairmont, W.Va., was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April 1983 upon graduation from the United States Army Officer's Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga.

As the District Engineer, Lt. Col. Gay is responsible for directing all the water resource activities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers throughout the Cumberland River Basin, and navigation and regulatory matters in the Tennessee River Basin, an area of more than 59,000 square miles. The Nashville District covers parts of seven states and employs nearly 1,000 federal workers in 60 offices, branches and sections.

Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer and assistant division engineer. Following the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as company commander for A Company and Headquarters Company of the 65th Engineer Battalion. Upon completion of his Masters of Science in Construction degree from Arizona State University, he served as Africa Civic Action Program Manager and executive officer in the Transatlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Winchester, Va.

Following completion of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) first serving as assistant division engineer and later as battalion operations officer and battalion executive officer in the 299th Engineer Battalion. Lt. Col. Gay's most recent assignments were as the Exercise Related Construction Program Manager and Engineer War Planner at U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.